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answered 4/24/62
P.O. Box 6327,
Wellington,
New Zealand.

October 5, 1962.

Dear Mr. Meredith,

One of our daily newspapers has reported, among other things, that a dummy was hung from a window, near your dormitory, bearing a sign which read: "Go back to Africa where you belong."

If a student wrote that sign he (or she) must be an awful ignoramus. If you were born in America you belong right there!

You did not have any say in the choice of your birth place - otherwise you may have chosen Africa where the people are not as stupid as they appear

Answered 1/10
P.O. Box 6327

to be in Oxford, Mississippi.

All white-coloured people of American birth should be downright ashamed of their forefather's action in taking your people to such a country for the purpose in which they did. The Whites should be doing everything possible in order to compensate you coloured folk.

What has happened in Oxford wouldn't be tolerated here, where white man & brown man live side by side.

I am only one of the white men (among multitudes) who trust that everything will turn out real fine for you.

Sincerely,
Claude Tutty.